

## CITY ITEMS.

**PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.**—The third concert of the eighth season takes place this evening at the Academy of Music. Miss D. Rhode and Mr. H. Hollenbach will lead their ensemble on the occasion. Conductor, Thos. Eusebius.

The Hoboken Zedel Society, at a meeting held on the 4th inst., presented to their President, P. Weinhorn, a valuable gold medal as a testimony of their respect for his conduct as their presiding officer.

The Hutchinsons give their last concert at the Tabernacle to-night.

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**ARRIVAL OF THE BRITISH MINISTER.**—Lord Napier, the new British Minister, was a passenger in the Persian. His family accompanied him, and the whole party are now at the Crescent. A salute in honor of the Minister's arrival was fired from the Battery yesterday at 1 o'clock p.m.

**CANNOT BEAR THE LIGHT.**—A resolution was offered last night in the Board of Councilmen, the effect of which would have been to investigate the rumors that certain members of the Common Council were drunk and disorderly at the celebration of Washington's Birthday at the Metropolean Hotel, during the banquet given by the Corporation at the expense of the tax payers. It created a great flurry; the Chairman of the Special Committee on that celebration, Mr. James L. Wadsworth, as soon as the vote was called for, left the room; three or four members, among them Mr. Boode, Mr. B. Reilly and Mr. Dunn, disappeared into the water closet, where they were dug out by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. B. Reilly admitted some irregularities, but was opposed to the inquiry. The resolutions were finally lost. We call especial attention to the names of the year and day. It is generally considered that when a man votes against a full and free inquiry into his public acts he has some good reason for keeping in the dark.

**THE FRONT-STREET ARSON CASE.**—Accused held for trial.—(Before Justice Wood.)—On Thursday last Fire Marshal Baker concluded the investigation in the Front-street case, before Justice Wood.

It will be recollect that a young man named Michael Wogan Jr., was arrested, charged with wilfully firing, on the 23d of February, the warehouse of William F. Barnes, No. 273 Front street. On the evidence adduced, the Justice required the accused to procure bail in the sum of \$2,000 to answer the charges.

James F. No. 71 Oliver street, and Alonso Gutierrez of No. 346 Water street, became the required surety, and the accused was liberated from custody.

**BREAKING UP A DISORDERLY HOUSE.**—Pete Dawson's wife died, and one of the most disorderly houses in the Fourth Ward, has often been broken up, but it don't stay so. When Pete gets in limbo, and his female tenants are hauled up with him, he manages to get released himself and then takes steps to procure the liberation of his female patients. As yet he has always been successful in procuring bail, but Pete is too useful and influential among a certain class of pimps to be lodged long in the Tombs. Owing to the shrewdness or from other causes Dawson avoids being arraigned for trial in the Court of Sessions and this fact enables him to continue his establishment in Cherry street. But Pete has now fallen into different hands. A complaint has been made against him before the Recorder for keeping a disorderly house; he and ten of the females whom he harbors have been arrested by Sergeant Steiner of the Bryant Department and a posse of policemen attached to his office. Pete and all the inmates of his place who were apprehended were detained to undergo an examination before Recorder Smith.

**KILLED BY A FALL.**—John Morrisey, 45 years of age, and a native of Ireland, died at the New-York Hospital late on Thursday night, from injuries received by accidentally falling into the hold of the ship Germania, lying at Pier No. 13 East River. Cancer had held an aquet on the body.

**HUDSON RIVER ITEMS.**—*Suspicion of Evil Play.*—Mr. John Higgins of Springfield came to Kingston, Ulster County, three weeks ago on business, since which time he has not been heard from, nor can any trace of him be found. He had a check on the Kingston Bank, which has not been presented, as well as a sum of money in his possession. It is feared that he has been murdered.

*Revenge.*—Reuben A. Tanner, one of the nominees for Supervisor of the town of Rochester, Ulster County, cut his throat on Wednesday last. He went into a room to shave, as was supposed, and when the room was entered shortly after Mr. Tanner was found with his throat cut.

*Garrison in Poughkeepsie.*—We learn that a man named John Price of Poughkeepsie was garrisoned yesterday by some scoundrels in the Fourth Ward in that city. He had but little money in his possession, which disappointed the rascals who quickly took off his boots, stockings, and a part of his clothing. No arrests have yet been made.

*Fatal Accident.*—Mr. Samuel Little, an old and much esteemed resident of Newburg, recently died from the effects of a fall. He left his bedroom to unlock the out-door, when making a false step, he fell down stairs, and died shortly after.

*Burglary and Arson.*—On Tuesday night two dwelling-houses at Highlandville, Westchester County, were burglariously entered and ransacked, and one of them set on fire. The perpetrators have not yet been discovered.

*Assault by Thieves upon a Police Officer.*—On Thursday evening Officers Aldous and Devos of the Chief's Office discovered two young men, named Charles Johnson, Alice Ross, and Joan L. Smith, in the act of robbing a show-case containing cases, portraits, &c., which was in an entry-way in Broadway. The thief had previously broken open the case and carried off part of its contents and when arrested had returned for more. They were arrested, but while being taken to the Chief's Office, some confederates of one of the prisoners attacked Officer Devos, and after beating the officer in the most cruel manner released his prisoner, who effected his escape. Several citizens witnessed the outrage upon the officer, but though requested to assist him, none did so. The other prisoner was safely taken to the Chief's Office and locked up. Mr. Devos was very badly beaten about his head and face, and had his clothes nearly torn off.

*Young Men's Christian Association.*—The following letter has been communicated to us for publication:

"DEAR SIR: I suppose that the constitution of a society may fairly be interpreted by the unquestioned and continued practice under it."

"I learn by your letter that various topics of common public interest, not certainly bearing directly upon the promotion of evangelized religion, have been discussed, without offense, at your meetings, and the opinion of the Society has been freely expressed concerning them. If such has been the practice of the Association, I see no reason for the prohibiting of the discussion of such topics. Whether one man has a right to hold another in his power, or whether I can obtain a right over B. for life, and also over his children, by paying money to C. is a general question concerning the rights of humanity and may as imminently be discussed as any question you have discussed, or as the positive form of the superiority of a responsible to the dependent. As far as, however, to the detailed discussion of slavery, there are other questions con-

cerned with it, which would even might properly be discussed, or even openly discussed, though not of course so. Among these are the most right and Christian sympathies of respecting men and women, the rights of the domestic relations, of the right of individual improvement, and of the right to read the Word of God. It seems to me that such questions as these may be properly discussed as the evils of fanaticism, or many other subjects which have been brought to your notice, without giving any offence. Or what greater discussion of this subject can be published if treated in a proper manner, I can tell with the light I possess, however."

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